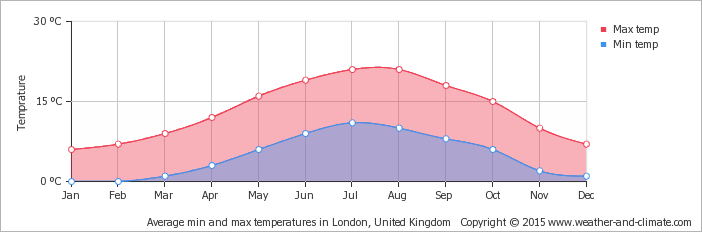
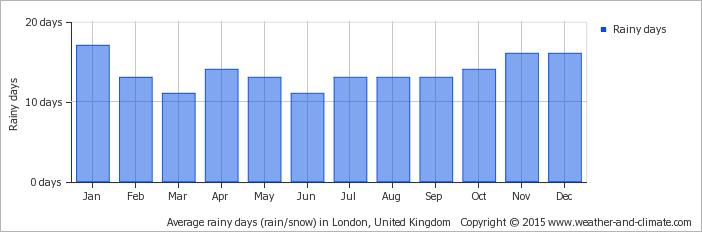
The world we live in is so huge and diverse and people in this world exist trying to change it and at the same time changing themselves. Human beings are influenced by everything surrounding them and it is not a secret that climate plays not the last role.

As we all know, climate is the weather we have in a certain place during a long period of time. Therefore, these prolonged weather conditions surely have some sort of impact on people inhabiting this specific territory. Today we will try to examine how people of two great countries (Russia and Great Britain) are different, taking into account the place and natural conditions they live in.

If we consider British climate in whole, we can specify some main features. Due to the fact that the country is located on the islands, its climate is classified as maritime, i.e. influenced by the sea. The sea takes longer to warm up the land, but at the same time it keeps the heat for a longer period. This provides Britain with cool winters and summers. So the climate of the UK can be characterized as temperate without extreme temperatures neither in winter nor in summer.

  
 The extremes are so rare that the British think it is not worth preparing for them. As a result, if they do happen, the nation turns out to be totally at loss with most of services out of work.

These favourable temperatures and mildness of the climate have left an imprint on people’s nature. First of all, it is common knowledge that British people are patient, waiting in queues, polite, apologizing at every step, and they are real gentlemen. All these “soft” characteristics are due to soft temperatures, as there is no need to be rude or irritated. Moreover, lack of extreme conditions means that people are secure in their place. This explains British love for their habitats and unwillingness to live anywhere else. And finally, if we talk about the past, moderate conditions made it easier for people to survive on their own without neighbours’ help. This makes for British individualism. The UK citizens are often described as reserved and even arrogant, not willing to talk much with strangers. The reason is simply that they are self-sufficient and do not need anybody’s help.

Another distinct characteristic of British climate is a considerable number of precipitations which is not surprising considering its geographical position. Being situated on the islands, the UK gets a lot of moisture from the Atlantic. Therefore, the Albion is notable for its constant rains and, consequently, fogs. 

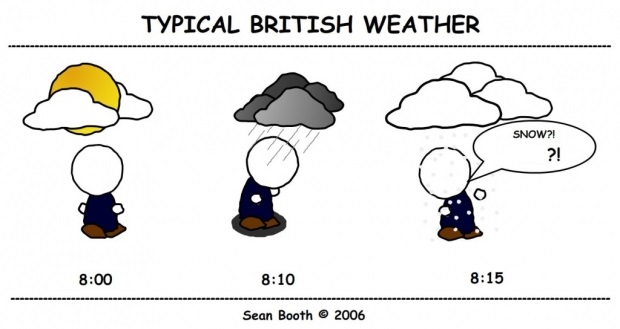
However, as a saying goes, the devil is not so black as he is painted. There is statistics which shows that British cities get no more precipitations than other cities in Europe.



 Nevertheless, rainy days have had their impact on people. As rain is not a favourite type of weather, the British are known to keep complaining about it. And over the years this bad habit has transferred to all spheres of life. On the other hand, we can remember a   
well known British habit of drinking tea with even some people drinking dozens cups a day. Who knows maybe it is due to constant rains and wet weather and the British try to keep themselves warm with the help of hot tea?

And at last one can say that the British are also notable for their bad dressing. The reason may also be in unpleasant wet weather. Moreover, as we have already mentioned the British independence from others, the people of the UK do not pay much attention to other’s opinion, so they do not simply think about the way they look from the outside.

The final distinctive feature of the British climate is concentrated in one more saying: “Britain doesn’t have a climate, it only has weather”. This means that no one can be sure of what weather to expect within one day. This is why all the conversations in Britain include discussion of the weather. The Britons love talking about the weather with friend and people they meet for the first time, in the morning and at the end of the day, they talk about the weather they are having and the future forecast. The experts say it is not because the British are “a nation of dullards”, it is the question of the climate’s changeability. The weather situation can vary within one hour, which provides an essential topic to discuss.



However, it will be more difficult to analyze the climate of Russia in a similar way as our huge country has almost all sorts of it.

 On the other hand, if we talk about Russia, most people first of all consider cold snowy winters which can last almost half a year. What do people do all this time? They get warm, get together with their families and friends chatting long on winter evenings. This can explain one of Russian national feature – Russian collectivism. Our nation has always inclined to gathering into communities as it is easier to overcome difficulties (including surviving severe winters) together. The Russian saying -  better a hundred friends than a hundred rubles – proves Russian inclination to big groups. Here we must specify the our citizens are kind in nature and frank with their friends. However, they do not smile at everybody in the street, which highlights their sincerity. At the first sight it may seem that the Russians are always gloomy due to their difficult life with their inclement climate. But it is usually not true when you get to know them closer.

Long-lasting winters have formed one infamous feature of our character – pushing everything to the deadline. If we look back some hundreds years ago, most Russian men were in farming, planting and growing crops. However, as we have mentioned above, half of the year they had nothing to do “lying on the furnace”. This exact phrase has turned into a saying meaning “to idle away one's time”.

At last when spring came they had to set about their job that was not an easy thing after a relaxing winter season. This situation has transferred to nowadays when doing any kind of job the Russians are very slow to act and at the end they have to rush, sometimes doing everything by guess and by God.

Nevertheless, we mustn’t forget that Russia is a large country with climate going from arсtic in the north to subtropical in the south, so do people. They are different in their nature, origin, habitats and many other aspects. The same is true about the people from all over the world that have their own peculiarities. It is not always fair to treat all alike.

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